The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR, on account of whose absence questions relating to his portfolio were postponed, attended the Council by this time and made the following statement :—

"I am sorry, Mr. President, I was not here when the additional or supplementary list of questions was called in. I was urgently called away and I had asked my hon. Colleague, Dr. Subbarayan, to answer them if they were called in before I was able to come. I expected to be back within five or six minutes, but could not do so quickly. I am very sorry and I apologize to you and to the House for not being present when the questions were called in. If any hon. Member wishes to put questions, I am ready to answer."

*Supplemental questions to question No. 970.*

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"Sir, may I ask the Minister for Public Health whether he has since received the report from the President of the Markapur Taluk Board ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The report was received."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"May I know whether he has received a report from the District Board President, Kurnool ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"No, Sir."

## Registration

*Location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk.*

*971 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Devarapalli and the neighbouring villages have submitted any petition praying for the location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk, West Godavari district ; and

(b) whether the District Registrar, West Godavari, recommended the establishment of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli ; and if so, whether Government propose to give effect to the recommendation ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such proposal has been received by Government.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Inspector-General of Registration has received the proposal referred to in the question and whether it has been pending with him ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"There is no such proposal now pending with the Government."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Registrar-General has sent up any such proposal ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I do not know, probably he will be sending, if he has received one."

# UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

## Agriculture

*Number of Agricultural experiment stations in the province.*

992 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Agricultural experiment stations there are in the province ;

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(b) how many of these are in the Telugu districts (Andhradesa) and how many in the Tamil districts (Tamil Nadu); and

(c) the reasons for the inequality, if any?

A.—(a) Thirty-one.

(b) Eight in the Telugu districts and seventeen in the Tamil districts.

(c) The location of stations is not determined on a linguistic basis. Each station has a definite purpose to serve for the benefit of the agricultural problems of the Presidency as a whole and has been located in such places where it was felt after mature consideration that the particular purpose which it was to serve could best be dealt with. Besides, at Coimbatore where the Agricultural College and Research Institute are situated, there are several stations which also account for the larger number of stations in the Tamil districts.

## Medical

*Dermatological clinics in Tamil and Telugu districts.*

993 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of places where Dermatological clinics have been opened in Tamil districts; and

(b) whether any clinics have been opened in Telugu districts, if so, where; if not, why not?

A.—(a) Two.

(b) For want of accommodation in District Headquarter Hospitals no clinics have so far been opened in the Telugu districts.

## Constitution of Provinces

*Formation of an Andhra Province.*

994 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the question of the formation of the Andhra Province is; and

(b) whether this Government have had any further correspondence in the matter of the formation of an Andhra Province with the Central Government since answer to question No. 102 answered on 4th September 1928?

A.—(a) This Government has no information on the point.

(b) No.

## Irrigation

*Alleged failure of water-supply in the Cauvery and its tributaries.*

995 Q.—Mr. C. Marudavanam Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that during September and October 1928 there has been a very serious drought in the district of Tanjore;

(b) whether it is a fact that side by side with the failure of local rains there has also been a failure of the supply of water in the Cauvery and its distributaries;

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(c) if so, to what causes this failure of water-supply in the rivers of the Tanjore district was due;

(d) whether the Government are also aware of the fact that during this period of drought in the district of Tanjore, the rivers of the Vennar irrigation area had some supply of water, whereas the rivers of the Cauvery irrigation tract were completely dry;

(e) whether cultivation has been very greatly retarded on this account;

(f) whether the Government propose to take any steps at an early date to set right such drawbacks in irrigation as may have in any manner been responsible for this very serious failure in the supply of water in the Cauvery delta in particular and the whole of this district in general; and

(g) whether any representations were received from the landholders of the district and if so, what action was taken thereon?

*A.*—(a), (b) & (e) In the weekly season reports for the weeks ending 22nd September, 29th September, 6th October and 13th October water-supply was reported to be insufficient for irrigation. It was also reported that the transplantation of paddy and sowings were retarded. The Government have no reason for thinking that there was a serious drought.

(c) The period in question is in all years an anxious time, as is explained in paragraph 19 at page 5 of Volume I of the papers connected with the Cauvery Reservoir Project, a copy of which is in the Council Library. Failure of supply in the Cauvery distributaries is due to lack of rain in Coorg and other places far from Tanjore.

(d) The Government are not aware that this is so.

(f) The Mettur Project has been designed partly to provide steady supplies to the delta ayacut.

(g) Some representations were received. They were transferred to the Chief Engineer for disposal.

## Pounds

*Transfer of cattle pounds to local bodies.*

996 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to a supplementary question to question No. 697 answered on 30th March 1927:

(a) whether he has considered the question of the transfer of cattle pounds to local bodies; and

(b) if so, what the result of such consideration is?

*A.*—(a) Yes. The question of transfer was examined as regards pounds within the limits of municipalities, unions and village panchayats.

(b) As matters stand the Government are not prepared to place the village headmen, who are at present by law the ex-officio pound keepers, under the control of local bodies; and, if the law were amended so as to free the village headmen from that duty, it would impose a heavy financial liability on the local bodies to employ pound keepers. Therefore as there appeared to be nothing to commend the proposal it was dropped.